Group/Period	April-Oct. 2000	April-Oct. 2001
II. Use-based classification		
Basic goods	5.2	1.9
Capital goods	3.9	(-)6.6.
Intermediate goods	5.0	2.6
Consumer goods	8.3	5.3
(i) Cons. durables	19.0	14.4
(ii) Cons. non-durables	4.8	1.9

At 2-digit level industrial production, food products (-0.5%), cotton textiles (-2.2%), jute and other veg. fibere textiles (-7.0%), textile products including wearing apparel (-3.9%), wood and wood products, furniture and fix. (-10.4%), metal products and parts except machinery and equipment (-13.8%) recorded negative growth during April-October 2001.

(c) The Central Government budget for 2001-02 has announced several measures to boost industrial production and investment. These measures have been targeted to improve productivity and competitiveness of Indian industry in general and to boost aggregate demand, improve infrastructure base, upgrade technology, introduce labour flexibility and encourage Foreign Direct Investment flows in particular. These measures are expected to have favourable impact on industrial production and investment.

Crop Insurance Benefits

2953. SHRI NANA DESHMUKH: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Kisan Credit Cards would be associated with crop and personal insurance which in case of permanent disability would enable him to get Rs. 24,000/- and in case of death his heir would get Rs. 50,000/- which in the present days of inflation is too less amount;

(b) whether the crop insurance benefit is being implemented taking crops as a unit for famine or other natural calamity; and

(c) if so, what steps are being taken by Government to give the crop insurance benefits on individual benefits and increase the quantum of personal insurance?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI BALASAHEB VIKHE PATIL): (a) Under the Kisan Credit card (KCC) Scheme, the farmers avail crop loans to meet their production and contingency needs. Under National Agricultural Insurance Scheme (NAIS), the farmers availing loans through Kisan Credit Cards for raising notified crops, within the purview of the provisions of the Scheme, are covered for crop losses only. The Scheme of Personal Accident Policy for KCC holders, launched on 10.10.2001, provides personal accident insurance to cover them against accidental death or permanent total disability for a sum insured of Rs. 50,000/- while for permanent partial disability, the compensation is Rs. 25,000/-. The premium payable for one year policy is Rs. 15/- per person to be shared by the KCC holder and the issuing bank in the ratio of 2:1. The coverage is considered adequate at the existing level of premium.

(b) NAIS operates on the basis of 'Area Approach' i.e. defined areas for each notified crop for widespread calamities and on an 'individual basis' in limited areas for localised calamities, such as, hailstorm, landslide, cyclone and floods, on an experimental basis. The defined area (i.e. unit of insurance) may be Gram panchayat, Mandal, Hobli, Circle, Phirka, Block, Taluka, etc., as decided by the State Government/Union Territory but each participating State/ Union Territory is requird to reach the level of Gram Panchayat within a period of 3 years.

(c) There is no proposal under consideration of the Government to implement the Crop Insurance on an individual basis or increasing the quantum of personal insurance.